Docket No.: 070456-0111 **PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Yoshihiro KURODA, et al.

Confirmation Number: 8070

Application No.: 10/580,152

Group Art Unit: 1793

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Examiner: Ngoclan Thi Mai

For:

HIGH-STRENGTH AND HIGHLY-WEAR-RESISTANT SINTERED DIAMOND

OBJECT AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2008, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on December 1, 2008 (as November 29, 2008 falls on a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.